

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Numerous officers and privates from the army are here on furlough for a few days, who have come some preparatory to the sailing of their regiments for the South. They know nothing certain of that being their destination, but they feel pretty sure of taking that route, and there is a universal anxiety among them to be sent as invaders of the sacred soil.

There must be a great thinning out of contrabands in Maryland and Virginia taking place for new

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune

FROM KEY WEST.

The Discharge of George L. Browne—The United States District Court at Key West Impotent to Punish Traitors—The Judge and District-Attorney—The Way the Money Goes.

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The United States transport Penbody arrived two days ago with Her of THE TRINITY to the 30th of July. In the case of Charles Tift (who was married, but discharged on taking the oath of this country, aside to by a correspondent of THE TRINITY at this place, see following) until recently the members of the large commercial house of Messrs. Tift were Am Tift and Charles Tift. They were born in North Carolina. Tift was an et-

as the editorials of *The Charleston Mercury*.

LETTER FROM MR. GEORGE SUMNER.

According to the law of nations the Trent was doubly liable to capture:

1. For carrying enemies' dispatches.
2. For the act of the purser in refusing to exhibit the ship's papers to the boarding officer.
And she was again, by English practice, liable to capture, *in* carrying a hostile ambassador.
In illustration of this last proposition, let me draw your attention to a case which presents many points

of analogy with that under consideration, and which

Englishmen will remember that Jenkins, when under torture by the Spaniards, "commanded his board his ship by the "Regulators," "Rattle snakes," or some other of the constipated authorities of that town, charged with having given a dinner to the colored stevedores then at work for him from the side of his wife—cruelly maltreated—these tarred and feathered—while he proclaimed himself a British subject, and pointed in vain to the most tenacious of England waving over his head.

Believe me, dear Sir, faithfully yours
GEORGE SUMNER

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

The letter sets forth that this case is only one

citizens of this country no choice, but to submit to the arbitrary and cruel domination of Great Britain, or to declare war.

With much respect,
J. E. WILLIAMS.
NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 17, 1861.

frigate *Diana*, commanded by Thomas James Mallory; and on board this ship he (Robert) was taken and detained from that time until he was, in No-

Robert's father has taken every step to procure his release, having been early informed of the situation of his child. Application has been made by him to the Department of State; information afforded them; documents forwarded from thence to

forded there; documents forwarded from there to the agent at Jamaica; other evidence of birth and

About 2 o'clock, we parted with the pirate schooner, and nothing particular occurred until the 24th, a daybreak, when we made land, but did not know where we were. Some of the crew said we were north of Charleston; but, as it turned out, we were south of Hilton Head, where we ran aground and lost our false keel, but got off again, and went to sea. On the following day we saw no land, and on the evening of the 27th we made the head of St. Helena

We arrived at Charleston about 3 o'clock p. m.

of the prize had the good feeling to pay our expenses it was only to be expected from their generous char-

The next day we looked round to see if we could devise any means of getting away. The Spanish Consul informed us that the only schooner which

was going for some time, had been loaded and had sailed already for Matanzas. However, we had the good fortune to meet Mr. Salas, the owner of two

panions and I went into a bar-room to have a drink, and the only money we had to offer was Spanish. My friend offered a \$2 piece, but the bar-keeper was indignant. He dishonored its value, and asked us

bewildered; he did know his value, and asked me what it was worth. Being informed that it was worth \$2 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Cuba, he offered \$2 25 in paper change. Then a crowd gathered around us, staring their eyes out of their heads almost at the novelty of the sight of gold, and many of them seemed really anxious to be the possessors. We saw no small

change except pieces of paper which certify that

men. They composed the body who flanked the enemy, recovered the battery that had been lost and were driving them before them, when Chas. Lamm's reinforcements came up, and, adding to the discomfite, made them retreat in double-quick time.

Our informant says that when he left the sector about 12 o'clock Thursday night, 100 of our killed had been brought in, and it was supposed that there were from 50 to 100 more scattered about upon the hill. He estimates the wounded on our side at five.

The whole field was covered with slain Unionists.

We find the following in *The Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth* of Monday:

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Commonwealth of Monday:
GREAT VICTORY AT PIKESTON.—It is now certain

We get there facts from a gentleman who was at
Prestoneburg at the time of the battle.

JOHN COCHRANE INDORSED IN KENTUCKY.

Navy-Yard on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The usual restrictions upon the entrance of visitors to the yard were suspended for the day, the orders to the chief visitant Mr. Wanch, being to admit all

The new steam sloop-of-war Onetida was success-

fully launched from the ship-house at the Brooklyn Navy-yard on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The usual restrictions upon the entrance of visitors to the yard were suspended for the day, the orders to the chief, vigilant Mr. Wang, being to admit all "sober and respectable-looking people," and the launch was witnessed by about two thousand spectators. There was not the slightest hitch in the proceedings. The vessel glided into the water with the greatest ease, not carrying away even so much as a wedge. She went out into the stream as fast as the tide would permit, and the boatsmen, yard and

buoy, and then was towed back to the yard, and danted into the dry-dock. The dimensions of the

built here by private contractors, and
yard very soon, to be armed and commissioned.
There is scarcely any room for them, however, at
present.

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HARD TIMES ITEMS.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.—*The Providence Journal* is responsible for this good one:
"An irruption of Yankees is threatened at Beau-
fort. The first three South Carolinians will know."

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.—The President

Journal is responsible for this good one:
 "An irruption of Yankoes is threatened at Beau-
 fort. The first three South Carolinians will know,